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A JOURNAL FROM OUR LEGATION IN REL-GIUM, Ry Hogh Gitsen, litestrated from physicsraphs. Sco., pp. 186. Doubleday, Page & Co.

This is one of the authoritative books on the war, of timely interest and enduring value. Its author was first secretary of the American Legation at Brussels at the outbreak of the war, and it was a part of both his official duty and his official privilege to know what was going on, above all ordinary observers. There was no thought of making it a chronicle of horrors, and, indeed, the inclination seems to be to avoid doing so. But such was the infernal nature of German 'frightfulness' that in the most ordinary narrations it frequently grows up. Thus:

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WOMAN'S SUFFRAGE BY CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. By Henry St. George Tucker. 8ro, pp. x. 204. Yale University Press. Mr. Tucker has published under this title five lectures which he delivered a year ago in the Storrs Lecture Course at the Law School of Yane University. The lectures have been slightly modified and brought up to date. The author's purpose, as he describes it in the opening chapter, is to demonstrate that the granting of suffrage through the adoption of a constitutional amendment such as Congress has been considering for some time past would "subvert a principle which has been recognized from the adoption of the Constitution to this day, viz., that the right of suffrage—more properly, the privilege of suffrage—is a state privilege, emanating from the state, granted by the state, and that can be curtailed alone by the state."

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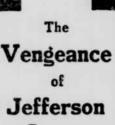
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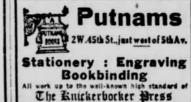
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